



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Bethel Temple Community Development Corporation, Wilmington, DE

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Bethel Temple Community Development Corporation (CDC) was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The Bethel Temple CDC is targeting the former Wiley Cork Manufacturing site in the North Wilmington district (population 3,167) of the City of Wilmington (population 72,826) for cleanup. This



Cleanup Grant

New
2008

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Bethel Temple Community Development Corporation for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up and install a cap over the former Wiley Cork Manufacturing site at 800 East 16th Street in Wilmington. The facility operated for more than 50 years and is contaminated with hazardous substances, including polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons and arsenic. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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district has the highest unemployment and lowest income rates in the city. The poverty rate in North Wilmington is 33 percent, and more than 90 percent of residents are minorities. North Wilmington has many abandoned industrial structures, as well as vacant lots that serve as playgrounds for area children. The district and its residents have not benefited from

revitalization efforts in other parts of the city. Cleanup of the former Wiley Cork Manufacturing site is expected to reduce the threat of contamination, ready the site for redevelopment, and encourage community stakeholders to continue their revitalization efforts in North Wilmington.